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In particular, the EPO examiner cited EP No. 1 030 069 as “particularly relevant if taken alone” (Category X). The Examiner should note that although EP No. 1 030 069 and US Patent No. 5,496,140 are listed in the attached search report they have not been listed on the PTO form 1449 because they have already been made of record.

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Respectfully submitted,

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